

Ms. Marino began her teaching career in Wyoming. After teaching for a year in Wyoming, she moved to Garfield Elementary School in Loveland, Colorado. Over the course of her twenty-seven years at Garfield Elementary Ms. Marino taught kindergarten as well as third and fourth grade.

As I reflect on the impact that educators have on the lives of their students, I think not only of scholastic standards but of their ability to instill the invaluable desire to learn—to reach for something greater than ourselves. I still remember fondly those special teachers who motivated and encouraged me on my childhood journey. I have no doubt Ms. Marino has made a similarly significant impact on the countless students she has taught over the years.

Madam Speaker, as Ms. Marino begins a new chapter in her life, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing her twenty-eight years of public service and the substantial contributions she has made to the lives of countless children.

TRIBUTE TO ANDERSON HIGH SCHOOL AND “AHS 2007: THE ULTIMATE CELEBRATION”

HON. MIKE PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 4, 2007

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor one of the great high schools in the Sixth District of Indiana: Anderson High School. During the 2007–2008 academic year, Anderson High School will offer its students a nearly completed new instructional facility for the first time in approximately 3 or more years.

On May 17, 2007, Phase II of the new building was completed and a dedication ceremony was held with Principal Phil Nikirk cutting the ribbons, in symbolic red and green school colors, held by 2 Student Council members. This spectacular facility replaces a beloved landmark of over 100 years, the old Anderson High School building which burned in 1999. It ushers in a new era of history for this proud school.

With this thought in mind, the Anderson High School yearbook staff, which will be celebrating 100 years of student publishing in 2007–2008, will host on Friday, September 7, 2007, “The Ultimate Celebration.” During this event, every member of the student body will participate in an all-school student celebration of both the new school building and the oldest student publication in the City of Anderson.

Further, at present, the Anderson High School yearbook, the Indian, will receive written commendation from the Indiana High School Press Association, Indiana University’s Department of Journalism, and the Madison County Historical Society.

In addition, students will observe (and no doubt cheer) during the presentation of a new address for the school’s famed Indian mascot. This presentation will be made by a descendant of Chief Anderson for whom the City of Anderson is named.

The celebration also will include a presentation by the Marching Indians of their State Fair trophy to the school, and the football team will be recognized.

Speakers are scheduled to include Mr. Carl Erskine, an Anderson High School graduate who has achieved national prominence as a former member of the Dodgers baseball team; Mr. Mike Pace, a descendant of Chief Anderson; and the Honorable Kevin Smith, Mayor of the City of Anderson.

Also speaking is Mr. Johnny Wilson, an Anderson High School graduate and Harlem Globetrotter team member, and Mr. Ray Tolbert, a graduate of Madison Heights High School and former professional basketball player for the Los Angeles Lakers, NBA champions.

To make this experience more meaningful to the students of Anderson High School, the yearbook staff and the school will present every student present on the day of the celebration a book written by Mr. Erskine. The book is entitled, *Tales from the Dodger Dugout*. In it, Mr. Erskine specifically mentions the City of Anderson, the Anderson High School Indians, and his personal humble beginnings. With this gift, the yearbook staff and school hope to encourage reading, teach today’s students about their school’s “family tree,” and offer hope and encouragement to students who might otherwise feel that success only can be obtained by the wealthy.

Seeing Mr. Erskine in person and reading his book will enhance the education of today’s Anderson High School students and build pride among the student body for an accomplished graduate. September 7th should be a day and a celebration that will be long remembered in school history, for it will be captured in living color for presentation in the 100th anniversary issue of the Indian yearbook.

Madam Speaker, I again commend Anderson High School for its long history, its newly completed facilities and its distinguished yearbook, the Indian.

HONORING DON BROWNE, A GIANT IN THE TELEVISION INDUSTRY

HON. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 4, 2007

Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize a man who has been a leader in the media and a strong visionary for the future.

With four decades of experience as a journalist and executive, Don Browne is currently the president of the Telemundo Network. He oversees all functions of the Telemundo television network and its 16 owned-and-operated stations.

In a very short time, Mr. Browne led Telemundo from zero original programming to more than 1,000 hours of original prime-time productions a year produced out of Telemundo Studios’ production center based in South Florida. During his tenure, Mr. Browne has set in motion numerous initiatives that have further solidified and defined the network’s position within the Spanish-language television landscape, and has helped make it the world’s second largest producer of Spanish-language content. Thanks to Mr. Browne’s commitment to original programming, Telemundo has carved a unique competitive position in the market, syndicating its program-

ming properties to over 60 countries in more than 20 different languages and distributing its content in a variety of emerging digital media platforms.

Furthermore, Mr. Browne has earned for himself a national reputation for being particularly active in the recruitment and career development of women and minorities. For example, Mr. Browne is the visionary behind the creation and expansion of the bicoastal “Taller Telemundo,” an innovative educational program designed to discover, recruit and train the next generation of “telenovela” writers and actors. He is also cofounder and board member of the “Women of Tomorrow Mentor and Scholarship Program” for at risk high school girls. He was a charter member of the NBC News Taskforce on Women and Minorities and currently serves as a member of NBC’s Taskforce on Diversity.

For these efforts, he has been correctly recognized with numerous awards for community service such as the prestigious Ida B. Wells Award for his commitment to promote diversity in the workplace and Governor of Florida’s Points of Light Award for exemplary service to his community.

I am proud to call Don Browne, his beautiful and brilliant Cuban-born wife, Maria, and their sons Chris and Ryan, my friends, and I am honored to celebrate his 40 years in broadcasting. On behalf of a grateful community, I rise to thank this giant of the television industry for his service, his vision and his leadership.

IN RECOGNITION OF WILLIAM J. NORRIS

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 4, 2007

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize William J. Norris for 29 years of civil service with the Social Security Administration. Bill has been an invaluable asset to my office for many years, and he retires from the SSA with my gratitude and the heartfelt thanks of thousands of Northeast Ohioans who have been helped by him.

Bill began his career with the SSA as a claims representative in Mansfield, OH. Bill’s enthusiasm, work ethic and commitment to his clients carried him through the ranks quickly, and before long he reached the role of supervisor. In 2002, Bill was named the District Manager of the Cleveland Southwest office, a position he has held for 5 years.

Bill also volunteered with the Indian Guides when his children, William and Elizabeth were younger. He remains involved with the Knights of Columbus, and still finds time to devote to his favorite hobby, fishing.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring William J. Norris for his distinguished career of civil service. As he leaves for his well-deserved retirement to spend more time with his wife Mary, I thank him on behalf of the thousands of social security beneficiaries who have been touched by his compassion and dedication.